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Regional Freight Leadership Task Force

Minutes May 2, 2014

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

DuPage County Conference Room

Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

Members Present: Michael Gorman (Chair), Michael Burton – C&K Trucking, Rick

Dickens – Cannon Ball Express Lines, Peter Fahrenwald – RTA, Alicia Hanlon – Office of the Will County Executive, Jim LaBelle – Metropolis

Strategies, Paul Nowicki – BNSF, Phil Resendiz - FedEx

Staff Present: Alex Beata, Randy Blankenhorn, Lindsay Hollander, Jill Leary, Jacki

Murdock, Brian Peterson, Elizabeth Schuh, Simone Weil

Others Present: Joe Alonzo – CDOT, Kristen Andersen – Metra, Bruce Carmitchel –

IDOT, Maria Choca Urban – Cook County, Kevin Donahue – Illinois Tollway, Heidi Files – Kane County DOT, Mike Klemens – Will County Governmental League, Chrissy Mancini – MPC, Ed Parks – Metropolis Strategies, Mary Elisabeth Pitz – MEP&A, Brian Rademacher – IDOT, Deb Spencer – MPC, Jeff Sriver – CDOT, Erika Witzke – Cambridge

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1.0 Call to Order

Regional Freight Leadership Task Force Chair, Michael Gorman, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes. Mr. Beata updated the Task Force on the GROW AMERICA Act, the transportation reauthorization bill recently proposed by U.S. DOT. GROW AMERICA includes several freight-relevant provisions, including \$10 billion in discretionary and incentive funding for freight improvements. Mr. Nowicki noted that the Chicago Department of Transportation recently commented to U.S. DOT's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration on proposed transparency requirements and fees for crude-by-rail shipments.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – April 4, 2014

Mr. LaBelle moved to approve the minutes from April 4, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burton and unanimously approved by the Task Force.

4.0 Draft Recommendations to the CMAP Board

At the invitation of the Chair, Mr. Beata presented a brief overview of the draft final report. The draft builds on the materials presented at the Task Force's March and April meetings, combining the challenges, principles, and scenario into a single document, along with a formal letter of submittal to the CMAP Board, executive summary, and appendices. As before, the recommendations center on three components: robust freight planning, funding, and programming.

The Task Force members discussed many specific edits to the draft. Additionally, the Task Force offered broader comments, such as the display of potential revenue sources in Table 1. The Task Force also noted locations in the draft to acknowledge the broader policy context, such as the land use and economic competitiveness aspects of freight.

The Chair opened up the discussion to the audience. Ms. Choca Urban noted the need to acknowledge the importance of short line and belt railroads in economic development, a point that was seconded by Ms. Pitz. Ms. Files asked for more statistics on the economic importance of freight to be added to the report. Mr. Alonzo asked about the procedure for the delivery of the report. Mr. Blankenhorn replied that the Task Force's report will proceed directly to the CMAP Board, but CMAP staff will further present the report through the existing CMAP committee structure, for example to the MPO Policy Committee and Transportation Committee.

5.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the Task Force.

6.0 Public Comment

Public comments were entertained during Agenda Item 4.0.

7.0 Next Meeting

The Task Force meets next on May 30, 2014.

8.0 Adjournment

The Task Force adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Beata, CMAP Staff